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## OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2003, rejecting claims 1-31 (claims 32-49 stand withdrawn due to a restriction requirement). The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 5,296,456 (hereinafter, "Shiga"), 4,079,187 (hereinafter, "Fillunger") and 4,994,633 (hereinafter, "Puhn"). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

This Response is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).

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